

REMARKS

As indicated above, this is an Amendment after Notice of Allowance, pursuant to 37 CFR 1.312 and MPEP §714.16.

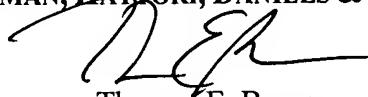
It is respectfully submitted that the Examiner's Amendment, included on pages 2 and 3 of the Notice of Allowance mailed November 24, 2004, contains some inconsistencies with regard to claims 1 and 2. Accordingly, claims 1 and 2 have been amended to correct such inconsistencies. It is submitted that no new matter has been added.

Such amendments, pursuant to MPEP §714.16: (1) are needed for proper disclosure or protection of the applicants' invention, and (2) require no substantial amount of additional work on the part of the Patent Office.

Should the Examiner have any questions concerning the requested changes, he is encouraged to telephone the undersigned attorney of record. If any other fees are due with respect to this paper may be charged to Deposit Account No. 50-2866.

Respectfully submitted,

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